

# Proposed Licensing of Funfairs (Scotland) Bill

## Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

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I am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

## Page 7: Your views on the proposal - Aim and approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to exempt funfairs from Public Entertainment Licensing requirements and to create a distinct new licensing system for funfairs in Scotland?

Partially supportive

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I would hope to bring Scotland into line with every other European country and have no Fun Fair licencing system taking the enormous burden of cost paperwork and uncertainty from Showpeople based in Scotland and also opening Scotland to showpeople from the rest of Europe to come here to operate there equipment on the same terms as they dining their home nantions with no extra cost time delays or the worry that after traveling to Scotland the license may be withdrawn or refused at the last minute and leave them with no opportunity to reapply or to operate anywhere else as happens regularly now it would also bring Scotland into line with the European services provision laws currently Scotland is breaking this law

Q2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

The civic government Scotland act is unfit for purpose and many local authorities do as they please implementing rules and regulations that are unworkable and unjust so it need a law to bring this under control

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of the proposal?

Making Scotland a fairer place for both Scottish residents and any one looking to operate Fairs here in Scotland it may help to turn the Fun Fair industry round from its years of decline giveing operators the chance to stay here in Scotland and run a profitable business rather than travel to Northern Ireland, England, Wales or elsewhere in Europe to make a living also bring benefits to the Scottish public with less expense on operators better types of rides and equipment may arrive on the Fairs lower prices at Fairs for the consumer

Q4. What do you think will be the main disadvantages, if any, of the proposal?

I can't see any disadvantages with ending an unjust unworkable system

Q5. What do you think the maximum time available should be for local authorities to make a decision on an application to hold a funfair?

less than 14 days (please specify)

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

If the rest of the Uk and Europe have no license why should we need any here at all the local authorities will have had time to study the application for the use of the land most Fun Fairs are held in local authority land why then break European law and ask for a second application in the form of a licence at extra cost time and money

Q6. How do you think fees should be determined for local authorities to process an application?

single fee fixed in statute

**Please explain the reasons for your response, including details of the amount of any suggested fees.**

The price ranges from £3,500 to £150 now so some local authorities use this as an anti Fun Fair tax or a cash cow to boost there coffers government would have to set the fee to prevent abuse of the system as is happening now

Q7. What is your view on what should happen to the fee in cases where an application is refused?

Part of the fee returnable to the applicant

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

There would be cost involved in processing the application

## Page 14: Financial implications

Q8. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Showpeople					X	
(b) Local authorities			X			
(c) General public			X			

## Page 15: Equalities

Q9. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

It would be a benefit to anyone want to operate at a Fun Fair in Scotland it would hopefully result in more new operators coming into the industry ending the current decline also attracting operators from further afield to come and operate here seeing bigger and better attractions attending Scottish Fairs

Q10. In what ways could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

*No Response*

## Page 17: Sustainability

Q11. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

**Please explain the reasons for your response:**

Can only have a positive impact as it is an unworkable, unfair and unjust system

## Page 18: General

Q12. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal to exempt funfairs from Public Entertainment Licensing requirements and to create a distinct new licensing system for funfairs in Scotland?

Since 1982 Scottish showpeople have had an unfair tax on there business this tax has led to Scotlands role as the UK leader in Fun Fairs and Fun Fair rides to Now being a struggling industry in decline innovation that once came from Scotland is lost and the leading lights in the industry now operate in other countries because there they do not have this unfair system that has held Scotland back  
Scotland's showpeople have been a very big part in Scotland history and culture and would be a great loss to the country  
We in Scotland welcome hard work community spirit and are open to all we want to build tourism we hope to give everyone a level playing field to be the best they can  
to be a fair and just nation  
leading for others to follow so why do we have this unfair, unjust, unworkable and unlawful system in place it's sofocating Fun Fair operators in Scotland and preventing others from coming here to operate if nothing is done there will be no more fun fair industry in Scotland